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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

KEITH R. ANDERSON et al.

Application No.: 09/500,887

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For: HIGH-SPEED NETWORK OF  
INDEPENDENTLY LINKED NODES

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 19. Please amend claims 20 and 21 and add claim 22  
to read as follows:

20. An apparatus for linking communication stations within a  
geographical region in computer communication, comprising:  
a high speed backbone;  
a plurality of branching nodes connected to the high speed backbone for  
relaying digital communications at baseband;  
a plurality of communicating stations communicating over the backbone  
through the branching nodes, the branching nodes each housed in different buildings; and  
a home connection box having connectors for connecting a  
communicating station with the hub, the connectors including a network communications